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Mrs. Powers 'Expected' Reds' Guilty Plea Report

By the Associated Press

Mrs. Francis Gary Powers was described today as not surprised by the Russian report that her U-2 pilot husband had "pleaded guilty to the essence of the charge" of spying on the Soviet Union.

"She reacted the same as all of us—such a claim was more or less expected," a Virginia attorney said today.

Mrs. Powers' reaction was reported by Alex W. Parker of Richmond, one of the attorneys named by the Virginia Bar Association to help defend Mr. Powers when he goes on trial in Moscow August 17 on espionage charges. His plane was downed in Russia May 1.

The Soviet news agency Tass yesterday distributed the text of an indictment quoting the 30-year-old pilot as saying he had in effect pleaded guilty to flying over Russian territory "with the aim of collecting intelligence information about the Soviet Union."

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The State Department in turn noted that Mr. Powers had been in "exclusive control" of Russian authorities for 101 days. It added "anything he says" should be judged in this light.

Mrs. Powers' travel plans for her trip to Moscow remained indefinite today as she awaited Russian permission for Mr. Parker and Frank W. Rogers of Roanoke, another attorney named by the Virginia bar to help defend the pilot, to attend the trial.

His Parents Here

If final word comes today on the visa applications she may leave New York tonight by plane for Moscow. Also awaiting visas here were Mrs. Powers' mother, Mrs. Monteen Brown, and the mother's physician, Dr. James Baugh, both of Milledgeville, Ga. Mrs. Powers' visa has been approved.

The departure time of the pi-

lot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Powers, also was indefinite. They arrived here Monday from their Pound (Va.) home on the first leg of their trip to Moscow.

The pilot's wife came to Washington yesterday from Milledgeville and went to the State Department with the two Virginia lawyers for what Mr. Parker described as "a general conference." Mr. Parker said several State Department officials sat in on the meeting, but that Secretary of State Herter was not among them.

Mr. Parker said Mrs. Powers has not visited the White House and does not expect to. He said she has had no letters from her husband since late in July.